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**Record of Congressional Telephone Conversation - Region 5**

SUBJECT: WAUKEGAN AND FANSTEEL UPDATES ID #: 166

CONGRESSIONAL: DATE: 10/07/2008

CONTACT: AARON WINTERS

PHONE NUMBER: 847-940-0202

OFFICE: REP. KIRK

STATE: IL

ACTION FLAG: N

CONTACTS: SYED QUADRI 6-5736; KEVIN ADLER DATE RESPONDED: 10/09/2008

**SUMMARY:**

Aaron called with two questions:

1. They received the 10/2/08 response to the Congressman's letter re: the need to get the cleanup underway at the Fansteel site in North Chicago. Our response explained that recent removal contracts expired and the new contracts were protested by unsuccessful bidders. We said that we hope to have a contractor within the next 30 days. Aaron wants to know if we will still have a contractor out there to begin work within the next 30 days, even if the bid protests are not settled. They want to give correct information to the City.
2. When does Superfund plan to issue the proposed plan for the cleanup of Waukegan Harbor?

**RESPONSE:**

10/7: Re: question #1, I told Aaron that I was aware of one bid protest where the SBA was supposed to decide by the end of September. I said I will check with the program to get a current status and whether a contractor will be available by the beginning of November, per our letter.

Re: question #2, after checking with Kevin, I told him that we still to issue the proposed plan by mid-October and hold a public meeting in early November. However, we are checking with HQ to make sure we are good to go.

I spoke with Syed and sent him the following message:  
Syed,

Attached is a copy of the 10/2/08 response sent to Rep. Kirk re: his recent inquiry about when work will begin at the Fansteel site in North Chicago, IL. The Congressman's staff called today upon receipt of this response to ask if we are 100% certain that we will have a contractor ready to begin work at the Fansteel site the first week of November. The Congressman needs to communicate this to the city and wants to make sure this is correct. Thanks.

Mary

Syed said that we are trying to get another contractor from another Region (2 or 4). He said that he will check with Carl Norman, the project officer, for a status.

10/8: Syed told me he checked with Carl who told him that he is pretty confident that we will have a contractor and be able to start work the 1st week in November. I asked that he let me know when we are actually heading out there so that I can inform the Congressman's office.

I called and left the above information in a voice mail message for Aaron.

10/9: Aaron called and thanked me for the information.

10/27: I called and left Aaron a message that we have a contractor for the Fansteel cleanup and they should be out on site this week.

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**Recorded By:** Mary Canavan